

DIA - Electronic Document Management: Practical Learnings

Electronic Submissions @ FDA CDER

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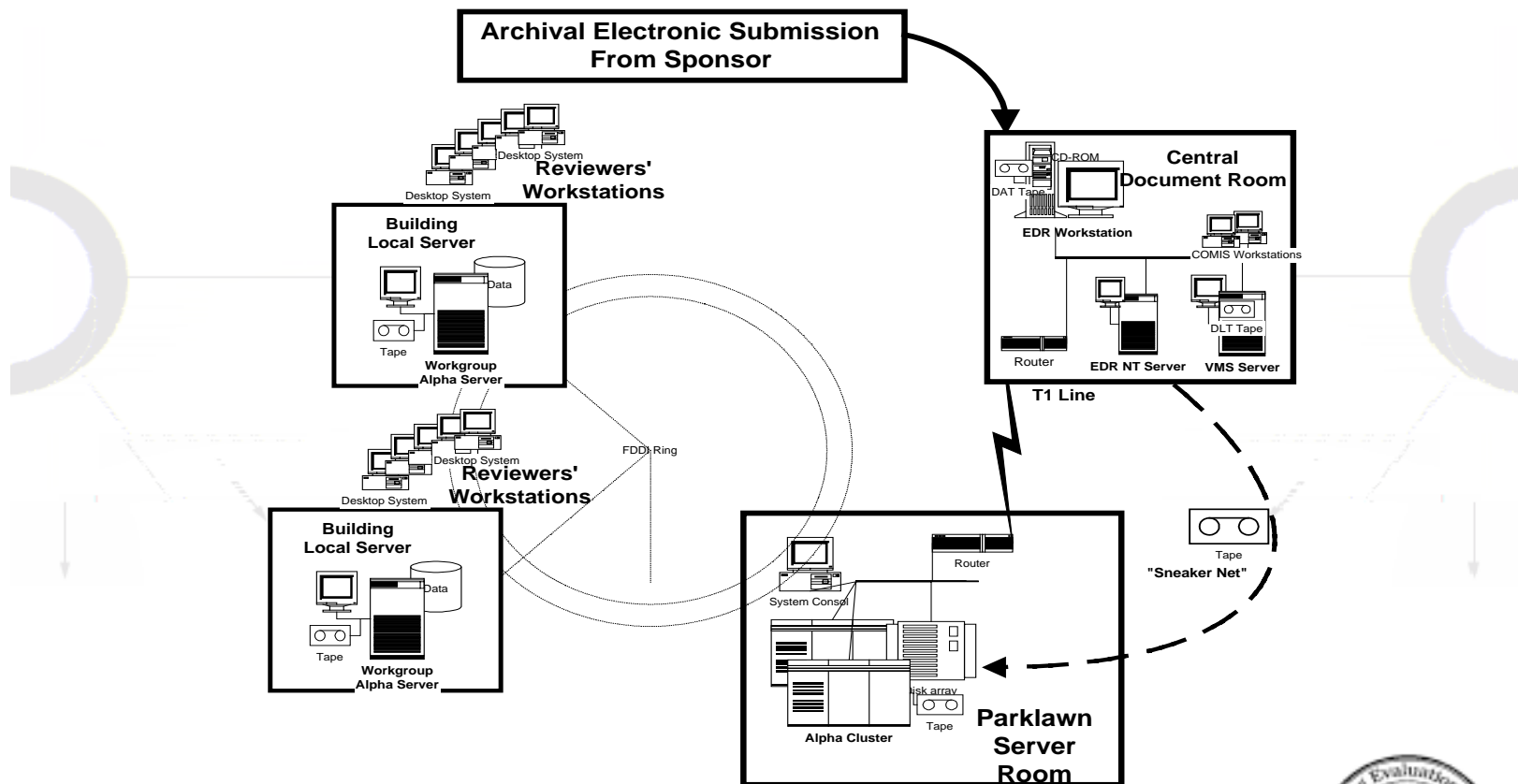
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An Information & Engineering Technology Company

- **Partners with FDA CDER for 8 Years**
- **Operate the CDER Document Rooms**
- **Designed, Implemented and Operate the Electronic Document Room**
in accordance with CDER's
Guidance



The CDER Electronic Document Room



First Goal -

**Electronic
Document
Room**

Increase Speed & Quality



Desktop Delivery w/Integrated

- Search & Access
- Presentation
- Navigation
- Analytical Tools
- Reporting



Second Goal -

Electronic
Document
Room

Archival Electronic Submissions

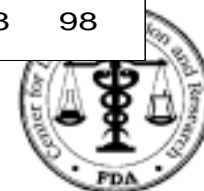
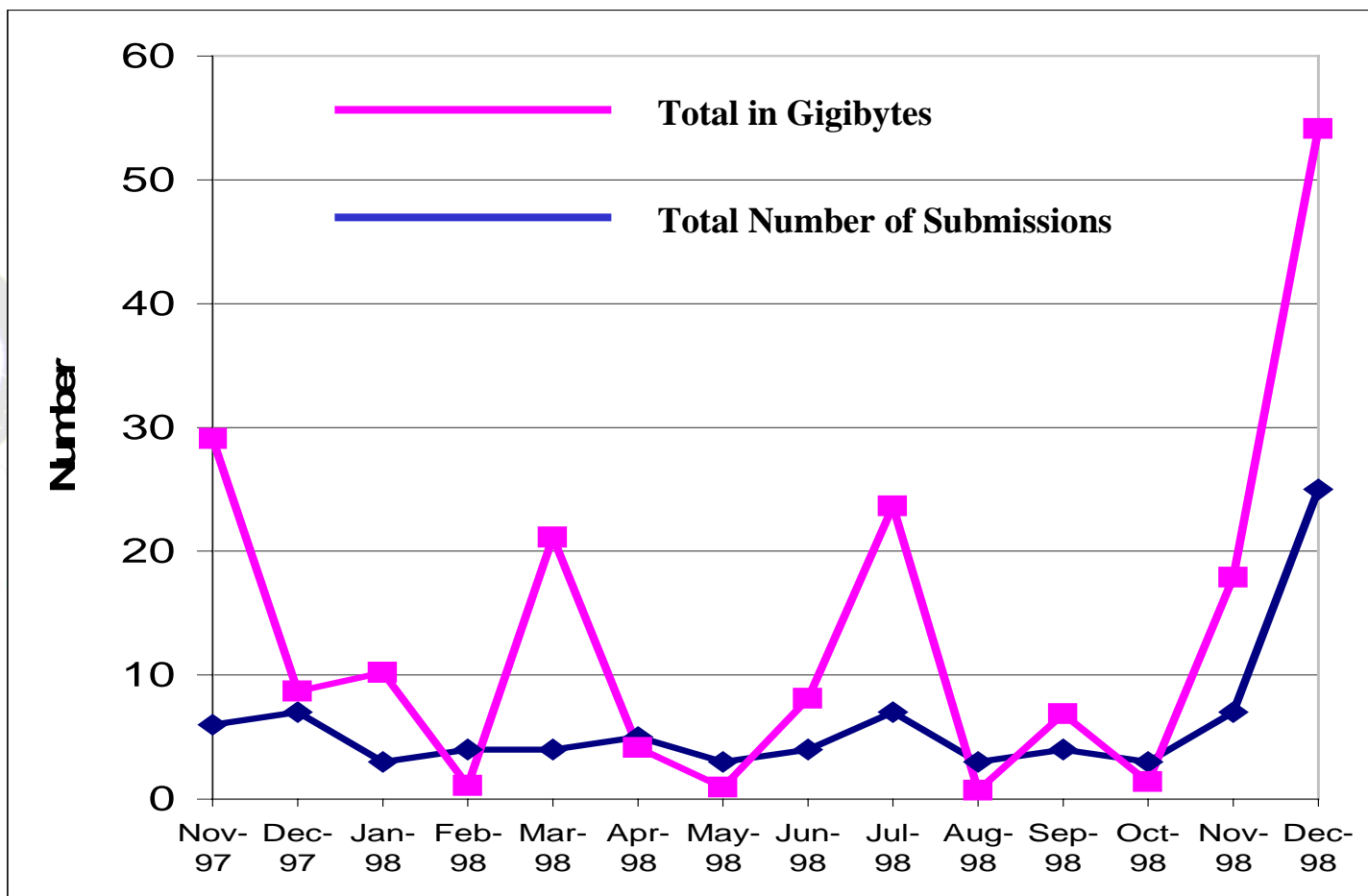
Require Independence from -

- **Specific Computer Hardware**
- **Specific Operating System and Version**
- **Proprietary Application Software**



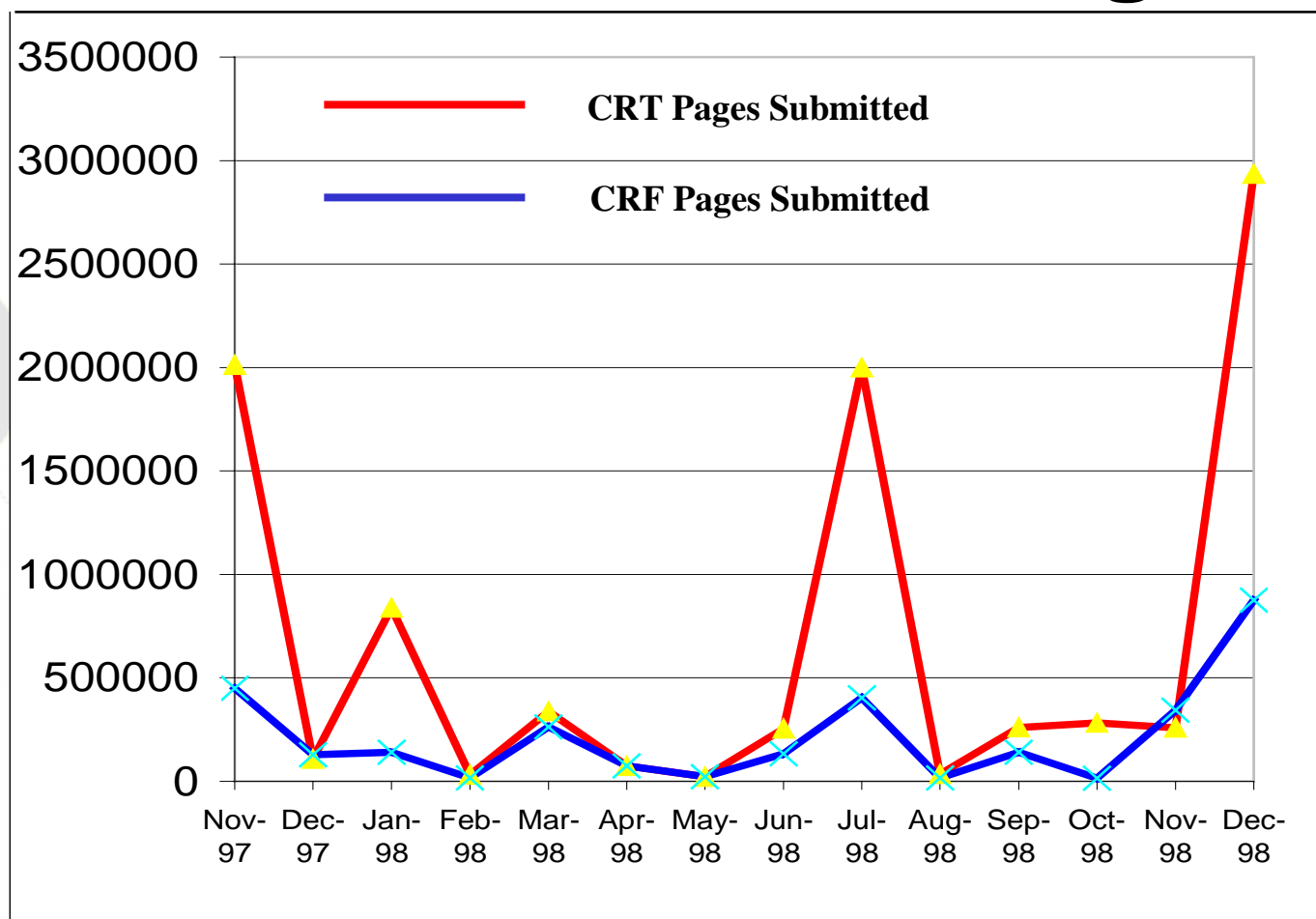
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85 Electronic Submissions



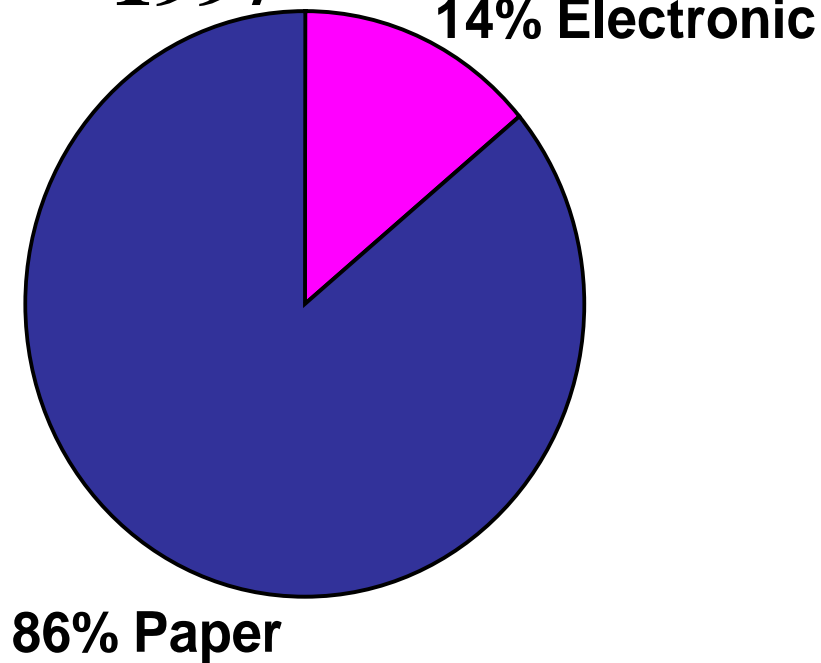
Archived in lieu of Paper . . .

Over 10 Million Pages

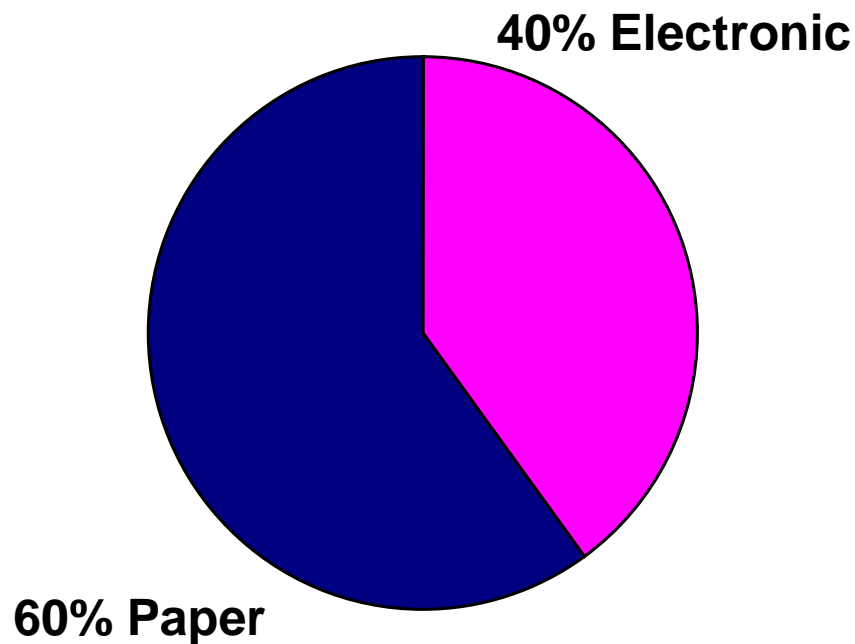


Paper Vs. Electronic -

1997



1998



EDR Technical Approach

- **Metadata Stored in CDER's Oracle Database**
- **Document Key of Six Fields**
- **Electronic Submission Linked to Specific Paper Document**
- **Web Server Locator/Access Services - Server-side Programming**



Physical Processing



- **Locate Electronic Files & Separate from Paper**
- **Bind & Barcode Transport Media (Not Archival)**
- **Core MetaData Entered into Oracle Database**



Cataloging Metadata

for Electronic Submissions

- **Map the submission**
 - Application >> Documents
 - Documents >> Item Subsections
 - Items >> Network Location
- **Search by Application Number and Trade Name**



Conformance Issues

The Conformance Checklist

- The Guidance Document Online as an Acrobat *.pdf* Form
- Submission Review - Checkboxes and Comments on the Guidance Form
- *Electronic Submissions Coordinator* Can Provide Feedback to Sponsors



Network Mounting

CDER Personnel Can Control -

- **Building and Network Location**
- **Reviewer Access, and can**
- **Monitor E-sub Usage by CDER**
Username



Data Integrity Issues

The EDR Staff Perform -

- **Directory and File Checks**
- **Binary Comparisons**
- **Online Presentation and Document Printout Checks**



Archival Tape Creation

- **Formats Archived Include**
 - Adobe Acrobat (.pdf)
 - SAS Transport (.xpt)
- **Currently NT Backup on 20/40 DLT Tapes**
- **Two Copies Barcoded and Stored**



Electronic
Document
RoomWelcome to the EDR
CDER's Electronic Document Room.

- Reviewers can search for an application by entering the application number in the space to the left and using the search button. This search will provide a list of the electronic Case Report Tabulations (CRTs) and Case Report Forms (CRFs) submitted for an original application, as well as for application amendments and supplements submitted electronically.
- Reviewers may then select the desired Table of Contents which will be automatically loaded into Adobe Acrobat for review.
- Reviewers may use the [NDA Search](#) View all documents of a specific NDA or view all documents of a specific Drug Trade Name.
- Reviewers may also select additional services at left as they become available.

NDA Quick Search

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● NDA

Search

The EDR is compatible with MS Internet Explorer 3.0 or better.

You must have



Adobe Acrobat 3.0

Best experienced with



Click here to start.



If you need help or would like more information you can send FeedBack or call the EDR development team at (301) 827-5478, They will be more than happy to help.

Electronic

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Room

< EDR Home >

Application

Documents

• NDA Search

• IND Search

• DMF Search

EDR

Documents

• Library

• Doctrack

• Checklist

DDMS

Sources

• Orange Book

• DRLS

Related

Sites

• CDERnet

• FDA/CDER

Feedback Help?

Search By Application No.

Help ?

- Type in application number to find all available electronic submissions for a specific application.

 Example: 011108**Reminder:** The leading zero is required on all Application Numbers.

Search

Reset

OR

Search By Trade Name

Help ?

- Type in drug trade name to find all applications and documents within applications for that drug.

Example: .

Search




Reset

ElectronicDocument
Room< **EDR Home** >Application
Documents

-  **NDA Search**
-  IND Search
-  DMF Search



EDR

Documents



-  **Library**
-  **Doctrack**
-  Checklist

DDMS

Sources

-  **Orange Book**
-  DRLS

Related
Sites

-  **CDERnet**
-  **FDA/CDER**

Feedback  **Help?****Drug Trade Name Application Search Results**

Select application number to view all related paper and electronic documents

Select Appl No.	Drug Trade Name	Sponsor Name	Letter Date
<input type="text" value="N0"/>			20-Nov-1989
<input type="text" value="N0"/>			1-Apr-1996
<input type="text" value="N0:"/>			22-Dec-1997
<input type="text" value="N0:"/>			19-Dec-1997
<input type="text" value="N0:"/>			22-Apr-1998

Search Results

Help?

Application				Trade Name		Company Name	
N987654				NEST Sample		CDER OIT Training	
Type	Seq. Num.	Sup. Mod. Type	Stamp Date	App Location		Comments	Select Files
N			01-JUN-98	\cdnta2\sample\n987654		OIT Training	Click here
N		BM	01-JUN-98	\cdfda\common\software\classes\nest\n987654		OIT Training	Click here

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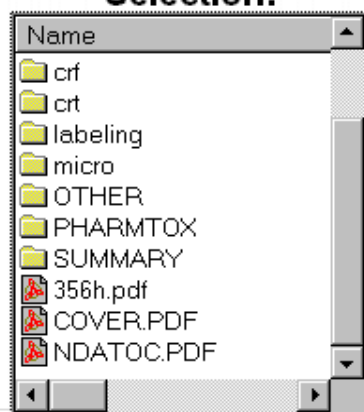
● FDA/CDER

Feedback Help ?

Application N 987654

Help ?

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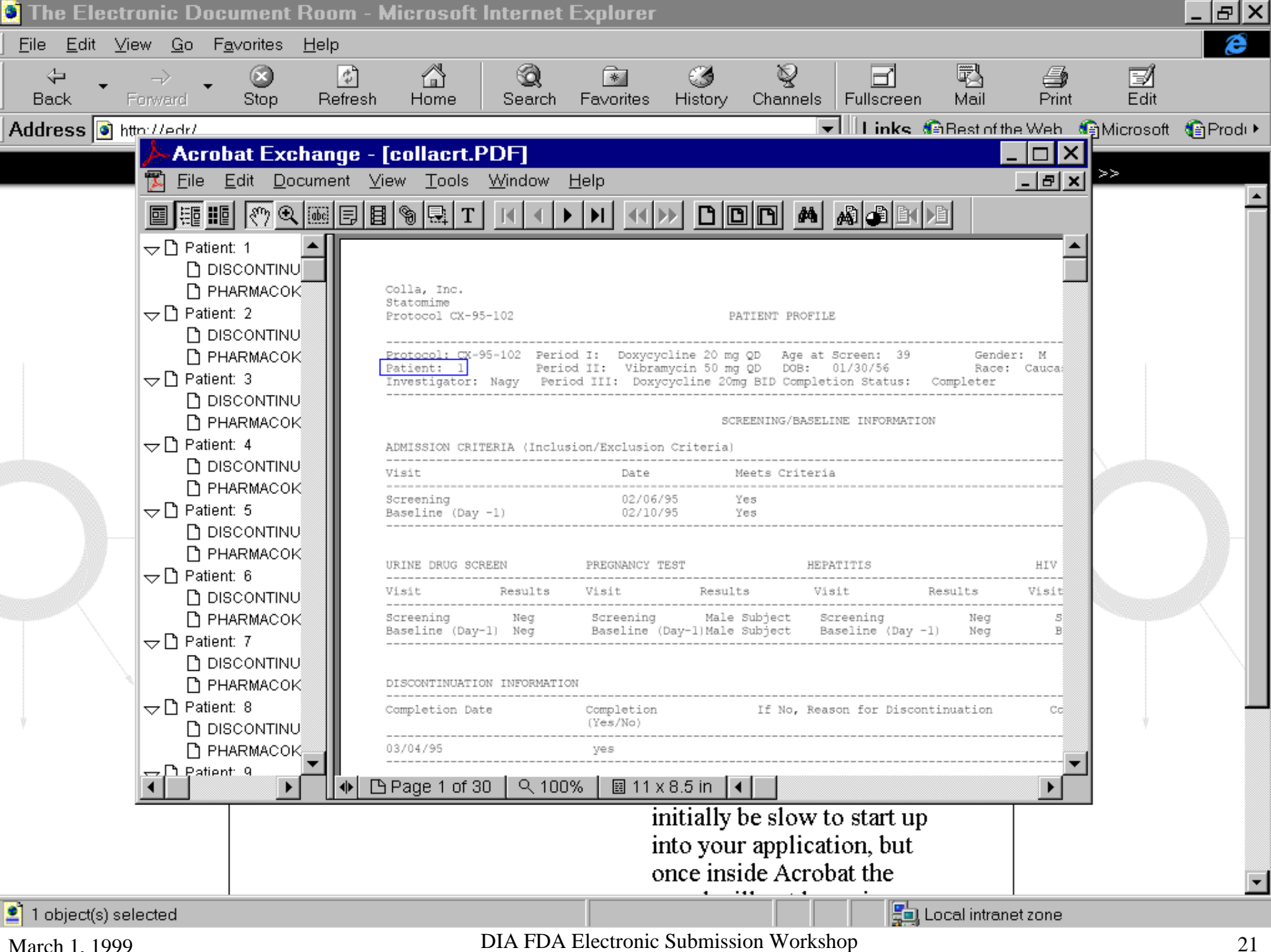


This application is located at:
\\cdnta2\sample

Instructions:

1. Double click on one of the icons on the left labeled "Selection" to open your selected NDA.
2. The browser may ask you if you really want this content because it may contain viruses, but this data has been thoroughly checked by the EDR staff so click the "OK" button when it asks.

NOTE: This data is being transferred from the CDER network. It may initially be slow to start up into your application, but once inside Acrobat the speed will not be an issue. Much of this depends on how fast your computer is and how much RAM you have in your machine.



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once inside Acrobat the

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Add Doc.

- NDA
- IND
- DMF

Update Doc.

- NDA
- IND
- DMF

EDR Search

- NDA
- IND
- DMF

Miscellaneous

- Report
- Feedback

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< Doctrack >

Feedback Help?

Insert Document Data

Appl_Type: N Appl_No: Incoming_Doc_Type: P

Sup_Modification_Type: In_Doc_Type_Seq_No: Stamp_Date: 10/15/96
001

Company Name:

Drug Name:

FDA_FormMediaPath

356H

E4

Comments

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Visible: No

Submit

Reset

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Add Doc.

- NDA
- IND
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Update Doc.

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001

Company Name: :

Drug Name:

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System**[Change Doc.](#)[1. Submission Detail](#)[2. Media Inspect](#)[3. Stage Document](#)[4. Conformance](#)[5. E-Mail](#)[6. Net Load](#)[7. Tape Backup](#)[8. Cleanup](#)[Document Report](#)[Main Page](#)

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Welcome to the Document Submission Tracking System

Search

Search for specific application document set.

Select

an application from a list of all electronic submissions.

Reviewers can select "[Change Doc](#)" on the left to select a different submission or click "[Main Page](#)" to return here. To the left the Reviewers can select any one of the 8 steps a document must go through. Below the Reviewers can find detailed explanations for steps 1 - 8 on the left.

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|----------------------|---|
| 1) Submission Detail | An electronic submission is linked to a paper submission document for cataloging. After selecting a submission, users see detailed document description data from COMIS. |
| 2) Media Inspect | EDR staff report on the e-submission transport media and data integrity. |
| 3) Stage Document | Temporary location of the e-submission during the inspection, analysis and archiving process. Users may inspect the application at this location while reviewing the EDR staff reports. |
| 4) Conformance | EDR Staff analysis of the electronic submission conformance to CDER Guidance specifications. |
| 5) E-Mail | EDR Staff e-mail log during the analysis and archiving process. |
| 6) Net Load | Location of the electronic submission for the review process and final data integrity report. |
| 7) Tape Backup | EDR Staff archival tape creation logs. |
| 8) Cleanup | EDR Staff summary report on final data entry, quality control review, and removal of the temporary data. |

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Letter_Date: 14-Dec-1998	Stamp_Date: 14-Dec-1998	

Media InspectDocument_ID: 1936596 Integrity Check ☒ Date: 16-Dec-1998

Section	Size	Pages
1		
11	0	0
12	0	0
Total	0	0

Status

Dates:

Hold Doc. ☐Continue ☒

16-Dec-1998

All the 10 Diskettes with the blue folder returned to CDR1 on 16-Dec-1998. There are no files for the archive - this is an electronic review aid (ERA). The submissions is being sent to Division Document Room. Project Manager name not yet entered in ECH screen.

Submit

Reset



Previous Step



Next Step

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Issue -

Proprietary Information Security

- **CDER Network - Highly Secure, Double Firewall Intranet**
- **Physical Media for Data Transport and Submission**
- **Confidential Management of Proprietary Information**



Issue -

“Electronic Review Aids”

1. Electronic Archival Files

Designed to Replace paper

Submitted with Archival Copy

2. Review Aids

Designed to Assist Reviewers

Submitted with Review Copies

Prefer to Minimize Electronic Review Aids



Initial Lessons Learned

- **Complex Document-based Records**
are very different from

Transactional Data-based Records

- **To Combine Both Documents and Data -**

CDER's *Hypertext Links* between

Acrobat Documents and SAS

Datasets is One Workable Approach



Initial Lessons Learned

Manage the Details

In CDER's Example -

- **Follow the *Guidance* Closely !!!!**
- **Work with CDER's *Electronic Submission Coordinator***
- **Send Archival E-submissions Directly to *The Central Document Room***



The Future of Electronic Submissions

New Document Types

at CDER

- **INDs, ANDAs, DMFs ...**
- **Await Experience with these
Current First Steps**



Digital Signatures

Electronic Signatures in Lieu of Paper

- **Docket 92s-0251**
 - *Any Electronic Signature System That Complies With the Provisions of Part 11*
- **Await a Robust Public Key Infrastructure**

